Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Elvera Johnson was born on December 1, 1920, to Carl and Ellen (Anderson) Johnson on the family farm in rural Centerville, Lincoln County, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Elvera married Elwyn (Bud) Knutson on October 11, 1939, at the family farm in rural Centerville, and to that union six children were born: Darlene, Arlene, Kermit, Bonnie, Virginia, and Marice, who additionally blessed their lives with seventeen grandchildren, twenty-eight great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren; and,

Whereas, Elvera graduated from Centerville High School in 1939 and provided care as a nurse's aid at the Human Services Center in Yankton for 20 years; and,

Whereas, Elvera was also a homemaker known for baking traditional Scandinavian dishes, gardening, and taking part in activities at the Lutheran Church, Garden Club, and Community Women's Club; and,

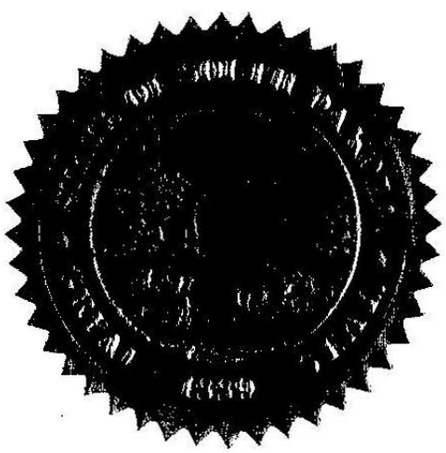
Whereas, Elvera enjoys attending her grandchildren's school and church activities, embroidery, making home-made greeting cards, playing board and card games, and cheering on the Minnesota Twins; and,

Whereas, Elvera will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her family and friends gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day, and, it is fitting and proper as Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim December 1, 2010, as

ELVERA KNUTSON DAY

in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Ten.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State